

Boland Refuses To Back A. F. L. Boycott Fight

Majority of Anti-British Resolution Signers Demand Its Withdrawal on Hearing De Valera's Envoy

Another Message Shown

Walsh Faction Asserts It Has Official Sanction; Irish Labor Split Widens

DENVER, June 19.—The split between the two factions of Irish sympathizers in the American Federation of Labor convention here widened to-night when a majority of the signers of a resolution demanding boycott of British-made goods announced they had petitioned the resolutions committee asking permission to withdraw the declaration.

While the delegates opposed to the boycott resolution were framing their petition the remaining supporters of the resolution issued a statement asserting that they would carry the fight to the floor of the convention and declaring that they were acting in accordance with the wish of Eamon de Valera.

On the other hand, a group of delegates opposing the boycott and urging adoption of a less drastic resolution, made public a telegram from Harry Boland, of New York, secretary to De Valera, which repudiated the claim of the boycott supporters that their declaration was the "official resolution of the Irish republic."

Boland Disclaims Resolution

"I would like to say that I have not in any way interfered or attempted to interfere in the deliberations of the American Federation of Labor," said Mr. Boland's telegram, which was in reply to a query from fourteen international union officials as to whether the boycott resolution was the "official resolution of the Irish republic."

"We seek the sympathy and support of the American Federation of Labor, but clearly understand it is a question solely for the delegates themselves to decide how, if at all, such sympathy should be expressed and support given."

"We have not deputized any individual or delegate to the convention to speak for President De Valera or the Irish mission. We very naturally would wish to see strong action taken by the Federation in Ireland's behalf, but deploring the fact that groups within the convention would exploit the cause of Ireland to their own political ends."

"The cause of Ireland and the suffer-

ing of our people are too sacred to us to permit them to be used as a political weapon or declared by individuals or policies within the American Federation of Labor."

Another Boland Telegram

Sam Evans, personal representative of Frank P. Walsh, heading the supporters of the boycott resolutions, gave out a telegram alleged to have been sent by Boland to Peter J. Brady, of New York, head of a delegation of Irish sympathizers here, which said:

"Vital and important that resolution be submitted as written. You promised me to introduce the resolution. We are willing to take a licking. Rely on you at this crisis in Ireland's affairs to stand by your race."

Mr. Evans declared this telegram referred to the boycott resolution, which was rejected by the committee headed by Mr. Brady.

Frank P. Walsh also has sent a telegram urging support of the boycott resolution, declaring that "boycott on English goods would in my opinion free Ireland."

"A mere resolution of sympathy for Ireland would be a backhand blow at the bravest little nation that ever fought for its life in the history of the world," he added.

Canada Excluded From Boycott

The Chicago Federation of Labor issued a statement declaring that the boycott "cannot hurt Canadian unions," as it provides "that goods manufactured in Canada under union conditions are excluded from the boycott."

The statement said that the boycott "cannot hurt Canadian labor," also "strengthen the hands of the Liberal Labor leaders in England who are seeking to aid the Irish nation achieve self-determination."

The petition for the withdrawal of the boycott resolution was drafted to-day at a meeting of Irish sympathizers, following the receipt of the Boland telegram repudiating the Irish republic.

"I am not officially represented in the convention. These delegates asserted that their signatures were secured to the resolution originally on the belief that the declaration was sent by the 'official representative of the Irish republic' in America. Asking withdrawal of the resolution, they urged support of the resolution submitted by delegates headed by Mr. Brady calling for recognition of the 'Irish republic' by Congress, withdrawal of British troops from Ireland and immediate payment by Great Britain of the \$500,000,000 loaned her by the United States."

The entire matter was in the hands of the resolutions committee to-night and the indications were that a report would be made to the convention either to-morrow morning or Tuesday.

Campaign for Unionizing Steel Industry Postponed

DENVER, June 19.—The opening of the actual nation-wide campaign to unionize the steel industry has been postponed indefinitely because of the industrial depression, it was officially announced to-night.

This action was decided upon to-day by the executive council of national and international organizations in the steel industry affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The council discussed wage reductions in the steel mills, it was announced, and decided that "another attempt at wage reductions would probably result in the committee throwing its resources into the fight to help the workers."

10,000 Pennsylvania Miners to Strike To-day

Second Walk-Out of Year Ordered in Pittston District; Wage Violations Charged

SCRANTON, Pa., June 19.—A general strike in the Pittston district of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, affecting ten collieries and 10,000 men, has been ordered by the general grievance committee, effective to-morrow morning.

The men charge that the company is not paying the wage scale ordered by the anthracite wage commission, and that there is no set scale of wages for company men, the rate varying with the work they do.

This is the second time within eleven months that a strike of these men has been ordered. Last July they went out because the company would not abolish the contract system of mining. They were out eleven weeks that time.

Congressmen Promise Aid To N.Y. Harbor

Declare for Legislation to Improve Facilities of Nation's Gateway After Trip as City's Guests

Their Boat Sticks in Mud

Mishap in Flushing Bay Impresses the Need for Dredging Out Channels

Greater New York's industrial, transportation and storage problems were graphically displayed to a Congressional delegation yesterday.

Fifteen of the twenty-one members of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House were the guests of the municipality on a voyage around Manhattan Island, down the upper and lower bays and finally to Coney Island.

Practically every Representative declared himself in favor of approving favorable legislation for the development of this port and when the next Congress convenes there is little doubt that it will advocate the passage of a bill granting the necessary appropriations for the various improvements now planned.

Accompanying the committee were the leading members of the municipal administration, headed by Mayor Hylan, Borough Presidents Riegmann of Brooklyn, Connolly of Queens, Van Name of Richmond, President La Guardia of the Board of Aldermen, Dock Commissioner Murray Hulbert, Fire Commissioner Drumm and Second Deputy Dock Commissioner Meyer.

More than fifty city officials of lesser degree also were in the party.

Army and Navy Represented

The army was represented by Colonel E. Burr, Engineering Corps, U. S. A., engineering officer of the port, and Colonel E. E. Winslow, representing General Bullard, commander of the 2d Army Corps. For the navy Captain Roy C. Smith, U. S. N., supervisor of the harbor, and Captain J. V. Klemm, appearing for Rear Admiral Huse, commander of the district, were present.

R. D. Gatewood represented the United States Shipping Board and George E. Hooker represented the Department of Commerce.

The guests of the day were Representatives S. Wallace Dempsey, of New York, chairman of the Congressional committee; H. Z. Osborne, of California; R. P. Freeman, Connecticut; N. L. Strong, Pennsylvania; C. R. Layton, Delaware; C. A. Newton, Missouri; J. J. Connolly, Pennsylvania; Oscar J. Larson, Minnesota; William W. Chalmers, Ohio; Charles G. Bond, New York; V. M. Brennan, Michigan; J. Overstreet, Georgia; Joseph J. Mansfield, Texas; John McDuffie, Alabama; and John J. Kindred, New York.

Representatives Daniel Reardon, of New York; Halvor Steenerson, Minnesota; Frank Appleby, New Jersey; Albert Rosedale and Anthony Griffin, New York; John F. Carey and Martin Ansoorge also were on board.

The delegation left the Pennsylvania Hotel at 10 o'clock and the long line of automobiles proceeded to Pier 60, North River, where all went aboard the Department of Correction's boat, Correction. Preceded by the police boat, John F. Hylan, as escort, the route lay up the Hudson to Spuyten Duyvil.

Commissioner Hulbert took charge of affairs and at once launched into the waterway problems confronting the city. He invited attention to the Chelsea piers, which the Secretary of War has ordered to be reduced in length 100 feet, claiming they are a menace to navigation.

Planes Escort Party

At Eighty-first Street the first commercial airport of the Atlantic coast occupied unusual attention, and two of

the hydroplanes were soon in flight escorting the party up the river.

When Spuyten Duyvil was reached the police boat was forced to drop out of the procession, as it cannot navigate the shallow Harlem River. This point was impressed on the visitors' minds.

The proposed cut-off for a large canal next occupied considerable attention. Little Hell Gate, Hell Gate and Riker's Island were then viewed and a run made for Flushing Bay, which is one of the locations for the development of the transportation plans under way.

In the bay the committee received a physical sign of the necessity for dredging out this part of the waterway when the Correction stuck in the mud. Finally released, she proceeded down the East River to Staten Island. Here the giant piers now being built by the city created expressions of surprise and favor.

Recognize Harbor's Needs

The trip ended at the Atlantic Boat Club, where dinner was served and at its conclusion the party went sight-seeing in Luna Park and Steeplechase at Coney Island.

"In my opinion," said Representative Dempsey, chairman of the committee, "the immediate needs of New York's port are the improvement of the Harlem River, from Spuyten Duyvil to Hell Gate, for a large canal, and of the East River and Jamaica Bay. The East River project has two important features, Diamond Reef between Governor's Island and the Battery, and Hell Gate, because these two channels will, when finished, take care of your local freight."

"The Jamaica Bay projects will take from the congested part of Manhattan traffic that does not belong there."

"In the interest of the whole United States I have been glad to see the development of all of these projects. I think they are just as important to Kansas and Iowa as they are to New York, and I believe that the various parts of the country will take that view. I am prepared to devote my best energies to their early realization."

Styrian Officials Resign

Angry at Decision Not to Hold Plebiscite

VIENNA, June 19.—Governor Rintelen of the Province of Styria and Vice-Governor Ahrer have resigned, it was announced to-day, in fulfillment of their threat. They were indignant because a majority of the Styrian delegation authorized to confer with the central government regarding the proposed "sentimental plebiscite" in Styria had decided to abandon the plebiscite.

The Provincial Diet of Styria will meet to-morrow, when it is expected the decision to abandon the plebiscite will be ratified.

It is reported that upon this action by the Diet the machinery already set in motion for an unofficial referendum similar to that held in Salzburg.

World Labor Directory Is To Be Published Soon

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Publication of an international labor directory of official and unofficial organizations dealing with industrial and labor matters throughout the world was announced to-day by the International Labor Office.

This directory will give the full names and addresses of employers' associations, trades unions and cooperative societies, together with the names of the chief officials, the title of the publication issued by the organization and the number of members and national and international affiliations. The titles of the executive departments of the government dealing with labor and industry in each country also will be given, together with the names of the heads of departments and sections and the chief officials. A full description of each of these departments also is given, including particulars concerning official publications.

Practices Not Held Unlawful

"I do not regard the practices in which the corporation indulges as proper, or legitimate, although there is nothing distinctly unlawful about them. At a time when the supplying of houses for the masses of our people has become the most serious problem of the day it was wrong to launch a corporation, such as this, with a highly respectable board of directors, to prey upon the public need by exacting interest and bonuses, but there is no evidence to show that Senator Wadsworth or Attorney General Newton profited by these transactions."

Senator Wadsworth on Saturday declared he had invested in the company on the advice of friends and that when

Wadsworth and Newton Cleared By Undermyer

Lockwood Board Counsel Finds No Proof Either Profited by Practices of Frontier Mortgage Co.

Senator in Firm 2 Weeks

Says He Had No Knowledge Buffalo Concern Was a Detriment to Building

Samuel Undermyer, counsel for the Lockwood committee, which in Buffalo last week disclosed that Senator James W. Wadsworth Jr. and Attorney General Charles D. Newton were directors in the Frontier Mortgage Corporation, yesterday declared that there was no evidence to show that these officials had profited by the practices of the company.

It was brought out in Buffalo that the corporation, organized in 1920 to specialize in second mortgages, displayed in its prospectus that Senator Wadsworth and Mr. Newton were directors, and asserted that profits of 20 per cent might be made by discounting second mortgages. The purpose of the evidence was to show that this practice, common in New York, operated as a handicap to building construction.

Undermyer's Statement

Mr. Undermyer, in a statement issued yesterday, said:

"So much has been said by way of comment on the connection of Senator Wadsworth and Attorney General Newton with the Frontier Mortgage Corporation that I regard as undeserved, in common justice to these gentlemen, I feel that I should depart from my fixed policy of giving no interviews and making no statements except on the floor of the hearing."

"Senator Wadsworth has been director of the corporation about two weeks, and from what I can learn I doubt whether he has ever seen this extraordinary prospectus or knows anything about the real business of the corporation."

"General Newton's main connection with the corporation seems to be that of counsel, which involves examining titles and performing the ordinary and legitimate work of the corporation, about which there can be no criticism."

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he consented to become a director he stipulated that his name should not appear as an inducement for other persons to invest. He said he had no knowledge that the company indulged in practices detrimental to construction work.

The Lockwood committee will resume its sessions here on Wednesday. Mr. Undermyer intends to continue his investigation of insurance companies and of rents for office and loft buildings. The leases of occupants of big office buildings in lower Broadway are to be examined.

Anti-Drys at Rochester

Organize Against Blues

Membership of 3,000 in Monroe County Is Claimed; Volstead Repeal First Objective

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

ROCHESTER, June 19.—The Monroe County anti-prohibition organization at a mass meeting here to-day indorsed a program of opposition to blue laws and made plans for canvassing every election district in the city and county for the repeal of the Volstead act. Leaders of the organization said a membership of 3,000 already had been secured.

A paragraph of the principles reads: "We are against the Volstead act and its un-American interference with the right of the individual, and its ignorant and unwarranted restriction of the practice of medicine by those ignorant of the science of healing."

"We are against laws that will hinder the person employed during the week from enjoying on Sunday the baseball game, the motion picture show, the trip to the summer resort, whether in public or private conveyance. For the present we propose to confine ourselves to the efforts to secure the repeal of the iniquitous Volstead act or its modification."

The anti-dryists are not in favor of the return of the saloon and will not accept financial aid from brewers or distillers.

Floods Kill Many in Japan

Districts Swept by Heaviest Torrents in Thirty Years

TOKIO, June 19.—Japan's rainy season has been unusually persistent and the resulting floods in various sections are the worst in thirty years. One hundred persons have been drowned at Fukuoka, in the northern part of the island of Kiushiu, while at Oita, on the same island, thirty persons lost their lives.

Several thousand houses have been inundated or destroyed in Fukuoka, Saga, Oita and Nagasaki prefectures. Bridges have been carried off and collieries flooded in the cities of Kokura, Kurume and Wakamatsu.

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Home Town Paper Proves Nemesis for Paymaster

Detective Waits at News Stand Until 'Lucky' Fugitive Seizes Him as Embezzler

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

CINCINNATI, June 19.—Deserted by the luck which enabled him to select the winners of seven races at Latonia on Saturday, William Ley, forty years old, was arrested here to-day on a charge of embezzlement and forgery by J. C. Hogan, a private detective of the Studebaker Corporation of Detroit, of which Ley is head paymaster.

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Big Fraud Plot Of Bogus U. S. Agents Bared

District Attorney Hayward said last night: "The publication of the letter from the Attorney General is designed to do precisely what it sets forth—protect the public against persons who are misrepresenting themselves as government agents."

"I do not feel at liberty to give out more detailed information than is suggested in the terms of the letter until investigation is more fully developed. I may say that the identities of persons concerned in the false representations are known to me and important facts with regard to the matter are in possession of the Attorney General which led him to issue this letter for publication. This method was adopted because our first aim is to protect the public against a dangerous fraud."

Asked whether arrests are pending in connection with the disclosures Colonel Hayward declined to discuss that phase of the matter. He said that precautions had been taken to prevent culmination of plans known to have been in embryo.

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